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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 11 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Report of the Informal Working Group concerning the Council's documentation and other procedural questions

Sierra Leone

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3 p.m.	33rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]: second report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.1)

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1) [10]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs

2. General debate:

Mexico
Finland (on behalf of the European Union)
New Zealand
Bangladesh
Switzerland
South Africa
Chile
Algeria
Myanmar
Myanmar (on behalf of ASEAN)

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89] (A/54/181-185, A/54/73 and Add.1*, A/54/325)

General debate

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

(e) External debt crisis and development

(A/54/270, A/54/370, A/54/56, A/54/94-S/1999/518, A/54/170, A/54/175)

Conclusion of the general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/3, A/54/38/Rev.1 (Suppl.), A/54/98, A/54/123-E/1999/66, A/54/124, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1- E/1999/102/Add.1, A/54/224, A/54/225, A/54/341, A/54/342, A/54/352, A/54/405*)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110] (A/54/124, A/54/264, A/54/354)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 169 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor (A/54/380 and A/54/406), 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM (A/53/1018)) and 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156] (A/54/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 11 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on a draft resolution on external debt crisis and development)

4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 37 (Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), under the chairmanship of Ms. Marcela Nicodemos (Brazil), on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Briefings

In connection with the Second Committee consideration of agenda item 97 (d) (Science and technology for development), the Assistant Director-General of UNESCO for Science, Mr. Maurizio Iaccarino, will give a briefing on the results of the World Conference on Science: Science for the Twenty-first Century (Budapest 26 June-1 July 1999) on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, with the participation of H.E. Mr. André Erdös, Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Equality Now and the Group on Equal Rights for Women in the United Nations will hold a briefing on commitments by governments to the Platform of Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995) on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), will be held on Monday, 11 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the theme "Taking Stock of the Reform of the International Financial Architecture" will take place on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panel is in support of the Second Committee's consideration of agenda items 97 (a) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries). The panellists will be Mr. Jack Boorman, Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; Mr. Rodrigo Briones, Director, Deutsche Asset Management Americas, Deutsche Bank; Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; and Mr. Martin Mayer, Guest Scholar, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November will open in New York on Monday, 11 October. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 12 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on draft resolutions on racial discrimination)* on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the submission of applications for the oil-for-food programme on Tuesday, 12 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. For further information, please call (212) 963-3083.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing, convened by the Chairpersons of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", on Thursday, 14 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, on the organization of work of the forty-fourth session of the Commission and the third session of the Preparatory Committee. A non-paper will be available on Tuesday, 12 October 1999, at the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of the Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1216).

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on sub-item (a) (Law of the Sea); from 11 a.m. to 11.30 on sub-item (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks); and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on sub-item (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas").

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Seminars

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on 13 and 14 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 8 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by a number of countries (A/54/232)

The representative of Angola, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly" (A/54/232).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fourth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item submitted by South Africa (A/54/233)

The representative of South Africa, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional sub-item entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" (A/54/233) under agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgeting aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations).

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fourth session as a sub-item under agenda item 151 and that it should be allocated to the Fifth Committee.

(c) Letter from the Chairman of the Second Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/438)

The General Committee considered a request contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Second Committee addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/54/438) concerning sub-item (a) entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations system" of agenda item 101 (Operational activities for development).

The President recalled that the General Assembly, at its third plenary meeting on 17 September 1999, had allocated the sub-item to the Second Committee.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the sub-item be also considered directly in plenary meeting, on the understanding that only the topic entitled "Follow-up of the World Summit for Children" would be considered in the plenary.

31st plenary meeting

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/220)

(b) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/54/45 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

(c) Draft decisions (A/54/45 and Corr. 1, para. 71, A/54/45/Add.1, para. 6)

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine, Israel, the United Republic of Tanzania, Jamaica, and Yemen.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 28th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft decisions I, II, and III contained in paragraph 71 of document A/54/45 and Corr. 1 and draft decision IV contained in paragraph 6 of document A/54/45 Add.1.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 37.

Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/400) [16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to or did not exceed the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cameroon, Cuba, Gabon, Germany, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Mauritania, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zimbabwe were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and

Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

Granting of observer status in the General Assembly for the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/54/L.8) [168]

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.8.

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania and Armenia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.8. (resolution 54/5)

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 168.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 162 (Observer status for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in the General Assembly) and agenda item 167 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization) would be taken up at a later date.

32nd plenary meeting

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1) [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Philippines, Belgium, Sweden, Senegal, Malaysia, Oman, Algeria, the Republic of Moldova, Pakistan, Norway, Peru, New Zealand, the Sudan and Spain.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 7th meeting

Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations [92]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution I, contained in document A/54/23 (Part III) by a recorded vote of 84 to none, with 5 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and India.

Subsequently, the representatives of Nepal, Côte d'Ivoire, Philippines, Lithuania, Cambodia, Venezuela, Botswana, Greece, Russian Federation, Georgia, Malaysia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Grenada, Uganda, Benin and Burundi informed the Committee that, had their delegations been present, they would have intended to vote in favour of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 92.

Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [93]

A/54/23 (Part III), draft resolution II, operative paragraph 7

The representative of the United States made a statement.

By a recorded vote of 52 to 3, with 38 abstentions, the Committee adopted the retention of operative paragraph 7.

A/54/23 (Part III), draft resolution II

The Committee adopted draft resolution II contained in document A/54/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 97 to 2, with 3 abstentions.

Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 18)

The Committee adopted the draft decision contained in document A/54/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 61 to 40, with 1 abstention.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [94]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted draft resolution III contained in document A/54/23 (Part III), by a recorded vote of 67 to none, with 39 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Saint Lucia.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 94.

Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [95]

The Islamic Republic of Iran and Thailand became co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.5 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 95.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Question of Western Sahara

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/54/L.3 without a vote.

Statements in explanation of their position after the decision were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia - and the associated countries - Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country members of the EEA, Iceland and Norway) and Morocco.

Question of Gibraltar

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.4/54/L.4 without a vote.

Question of New Caledonia

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Special Committee of 24, made a statement in the course of which he introduced oral revisions to the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution IV, as orally revised, without a vote.

Question of Tokelau

The Committee adopted draft resolution V contained in document A/54/23 (Part III) without a vote.

Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Turks and Caicos Island and United States Virgin Islands

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement in the course of which he introduced an oral revision to the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the United Republic of Tanzania, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Singapore, Kazakhstan, El Salvador, the Republic of Korea, Cameroon, Israel, Cuba, Uganda, China and Ethiopia.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Malaysia, Paraguay, Benin, Venezuela, Antigua and Barbuda, Tunisia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Bolivia, Armenia, the Dominican Republic, Chile and Nigeria.

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

(e) External debt crisis and development

The Committee began its consideration of item 97 and its sub-items (d) and (e).

The Economic Affairs Officer and the Chief of the New York Office of UNCTAD, made introductory statements.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta, and the United States.

THIRD COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Mongolia, Bahrain, China, India, the Marshall Islands, Ireland, Fiji, Saudi Arabia, El Salvador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Philippines, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Singapore and Rwanda.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.2

The representative of Portugal orally amended the draft resolution.

6th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item 106 and heard statements by the representatives of Nigeria, Venezuela, Morocco and Eritrea.

The Deputy Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made some closing remarks.

The Committee then concluded its general discussion of the item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Burundi
H.E. Mr. Gamaliel Ndaruzaniye

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
Mr. Vladimir Sotirov
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. Francisco Tudela

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci

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Sierra Leone

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	190th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Myanmar
United Arab Emirates
Norway
Egypt
Oman
Indonesia
Malaysia
Japan
Croatia
Brazil

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105] (A/54/98 and A/54/316)

Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/3, A/54/38/Rev.1 (Suppl.), A/54/98, A/54/123-E/1999/66, A/54/124, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1- E/1999/102/Add.1, A/54/224, A/54/225, A/54/341, A/54/342, A/54/352, A/54/405)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110] (A/54/124, A/54/264, A/54/354)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM (A/53/1018)), 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations: (A/53/5 (Vol. II), A/53/932 and A/53/940)) and 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Reimbursement regarding contingent-owned equipment (A/51/967 and Corr. 1-2, A/C.5/52/39, A/53/465 and A/53/944 and Corr.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156] (A/54/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 12 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on the external debt crisis)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on Beijing+5)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on the external debt crisis and on science and technology)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Briefing

The Office of the Iraq Programme will hold a briefing on the submission of applications for the oil-for-food programme *today*, 12 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The briefing is open to all interested Member and Observer States, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations. For further information, please call (212) 963-3083.

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 12 October 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the theme "Taking Stock of the Reform of the International Financial Architecture" will take place on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panel is in support of the Second Committee's consideration of agenda items 97 (a) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries). H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the event. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will be the moderator. The panellists will be Mr. Jack Boorman, Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; Mr. Rodrigo Briones, Director, Deutsche Asset Management Americas, Deutsche Bank; Ms. Stephany Griffith- Jones, Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; and Mr. Martin Mayer, Guest Scholar, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution.

Briefing

A briefing on the issue of "Globalization" will be given by Mr. Thomas L. Friedman, Foreign Affairs Columnist of *The New York Times*, followed by an interactive period of questions and answers. The event, organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of delegations and Secretariat Staff are invited to attend.

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Convention to Combat Desertification

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(draft resolutions on racial discrimination)* on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of interested States to discuss the First Committee draft resolution on illicit trafficking in small arms on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-Aligned Movement on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, from 3.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Threre will be a meeting of the International Association of Permanent Representatives to the United Nations (IAPR) on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Thursday, 14 October, from 6.15 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution under agenda item 37 (Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development), under the chairmanship of Ms. Marcela Nicodemos (Brazil), on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefings

There will be a briefing on the theme "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: A Focus on Women", organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Development and Human Rights Section of DPI and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), on Thursday, 14 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The moderator will be Ms. Carolyn Schuler Uluc, Officer-in-Charge, Public Liaison Service, DPI. Ms. Sonia Felicity Elliott, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Guyana, Ms. Diane Elson, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, UNIFEM, and Ms. Njoki Njehu, Board Member, Jubilee 2000, will be the speakers. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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There will be a briefing, convened by the Chairpersons of the Commission on the Status of Women and the Preparatory Committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", on Thursday, 14 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9, on the organization of work of the forty-fourth session of the Commission and the third session of the Preparatory Committee. A non-paper will be available *today*, 12 October 1999, at the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Department of the Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1216).

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on sub-item (a) (Law of the Sea); from 11 a.m. to 11.30 on sub-item (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks); and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on sub-item (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas").

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Seminars

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third and final session of their 1999 series "Sustainable Development in Practice" Session III, entitled "Climate Change Governance: Fifth Session of the Conference of Parties and the Kyoto Protocol Negotiations." The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on 13 and 14 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 11 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

33rd plenary meeting

Organization of work of the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]:

(a) Second report of the General Committee (A/54/250/Add.1)

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional item entitled "Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly" and to consider the item directly in plenary meeting.

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fourth session an additional sub-item entitled "Relocation of South Africa to the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (c) of General Assembly resolution 43/232" as a sub-item of agenda item 151 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations) and to allocate the sub-item to the Fifth Committee.

The President recalled that the General Assembly had allocated sub-item (a) entitled "Operational activities for development of the United Nations System" of agenda item 101 (Operational activities for development) to the Second Committee. The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to also consider directly in plenary meeting sub-item (a) of agenda item 101, on the understanding that only the topic entitled "Follow-up of the World Summit for Children" would be considered in the plenary.

(b) Date of the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The President recalled that the General Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting on 17 September 1999, had decided to hold the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Monday, 15 November, in the morning. The Assembly, on the proposal of President, decided that the commemoration would be held on Thursday, 11 November 1999, in the morning.

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1) [10]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cameroon, Tunisia, Uruguay, Yemen, Indonesia, Nigeria, Haiti, Cyprus and Bolivia.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/54/1).

The General Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 10.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 3rd meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs made a statement.

General debate

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Mexico, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, Bangladesh, Switzerland, South Africa, Chile and Algeria.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 8th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89]

The Chairman drew attention to the basic documentation relating to the item (A/54/73 and Add.1, A/54/181-185 and A/54/325).

The representative of Sri Lanka, in his capacity as Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories, introduced the report of the Committee (A/54/325).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta), Egypt, Senegal, Malaysia, Jordan and the United Arab Emirates.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft resolutions on item 89 was at 6 p.m. the same day.

Statements were made by the representatives of Egypt and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the observer for Palestine.

The Committee decided, on the proposals made by several delegations, to extend the deadline for submission of the draft resolutions on item 89 on Tuesday, 2 November, when the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 88 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East).

SECOND COMMITTEE 9th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(d) Science and technology for development

(e) External debt crisis and development

The Committee continued its consideration of item 97 and its sub-items (d) and (e).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Mexico, Ecuador, Norway, Nigeria, Turkey, India, Japan, China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Myanmar, Indonesia, Uganda, Jamaica, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Ukraine and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

10th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 97 and its sub-items (d) and (e).

Statements were made by the representatives of Botswana, Venezuela, South Africa, the Philippines, Haiti, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and the Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of sub-items (d) and (e) of item 97.

THIRD COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women and the Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

A statement was made by the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

A statement was also made by the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assistant Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women responded to questions raised by the representatives of Tunisia, Norway, Cuba and Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Iceland), Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Bangladesh, Norway, the United States, Japan, Senegal, Brazil, Cuba, Chile, New Zealand and Burkina Faso.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Population Fund.

Organization of work

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to regularize its procedures for taking action on draft proposals by assigning part of one day each week (3 p.m. every Thursday) for that purpose.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law introduced the report on the work of the thirty-second session of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Japan, Austria, Brazil, the United Kingdom, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Malaysia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, France, Germany, the Russian Federation, China, Canada and Hungary.

The Chairman of the Committee spoke.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Twenty-second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1999

582nd and 583rd (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports by States parties [4]

The Committee considered concluding observations in closed session.

THURSDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1999

584th and 585th (closed) meetings

Consideration of reports by States parties [4]

The Committee adopted concluding observations in closed session.

FRIDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1999

586th meeting

Consideration of reports by States parties [4]

The Committee dealt with consideration of reports in closed session.

Future meetings [8]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

Adoption of the draft report

The Committee adopted the draft report (CRC/C/90) on the work of its twenty-second session in an open meeting.

The Chairman then declared the twenty-second session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Accession: Tuvalu (6 October 1999)*

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Ukraine (8 October 1999)*

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Ratification: Niger (8 October 1999)*

Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes. Helsinki, 17 March 1992

Accession: Ukraine (8 October 1999)*

Convention providing a Uniform Law for Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes. Geneva, 7 June 1930

Accession: Ukraine (8 October 1999)*

Convention for the Settlement of Certain Conflicts of Laws in connection with Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes. Geneva, 7 June 1930

Accession: Ukraine (8 October 1999)*

Convention on the Stamp Laws in connection with Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes. Geneva, 7 June 1930

Accession: Ukraine (8 October 1999)*

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Signature: Saudi Arabia (11 October 1999)

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer adopted by the Ninth Meeting of the Parties. Montreal, 17 September 1997

Ratification: Niger (8 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty 1999 and to mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will hold a commemoration on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations garden. There will be a performance by children of the Tapori Movement and traditional Bolivian music will be performed by Sumaj Chasquis. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Central African Republic (S/1999/1038)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Uzbekistan
Nigeria
Russian Federation
China
Argentina
Ecuador
Costa Rica
Colombia
Kuwait
Uruguay

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89] (A/54/181-185, A/54/73 and Add.1, A/54/325)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/3*, A/54/38/Rev.1 (Suppl.), A/54/98, A/54/123-E/1999/66, A/54/124, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1- E/1999/102/Add.1, A/54/224, A/54/225, A/54/341, A/54/342, A/54/352, A/54/405)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110] (A/54/124, A/54/264, A/54/354)

Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418)), 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM (A/52/881 and A/53/1018)) and 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations: (A/53/5 (Vol. II), A/53/932 and A/53/940))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945 and A/53/7/Add.12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	5th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159] (A/54/33, A/54/363, A/54/383)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL)

2. Draft reports

WORKING GROUP ON THE FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the theme "Taking Stock of the Reform of the International Financial Architecture" will take place *today*, 13 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panel is in support of the Second Committee's consideration of agenda items 97 (a) (High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development) and 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries). H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye (Djibouti), Chairman of the Second Committee, will chair the event. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, will be the moderator. The panellists will be Mr. Jack Boorman, Director, Policy Development and Review Department, International Monetary Fund; Mr. Rodrigo Briones, Director, Deutsche Asset Management Americas, Deutsche Bank; Ms. Stephany Griffith-Jones, Senior Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University; and Mr. Martin Mayer, Guest Scholar, Economic Studies, The Brookings Institution.

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Wednesday, 13 October 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 am.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
6.15 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on racial discrimination)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on the external debt crisis and on science and technology)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF LAND-LOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON
PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

3.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held *today*, 13 October 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, as follows: from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on sub-item (a) (Law of the Sea); from 11 a.m. to 11.30 on sub-item (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks); and from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on sub-item (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas").

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 76 (r) (Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda) *today*, 13 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Thursday, 14 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	34th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

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Seminar

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. The registration deadline is *today*, 13 October 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 12 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 4th meeting

Election of officers

The Committee elected Mr. Günther Siebert (Germany), Mr. Kestitis Sadaskas (Lithuania) and Mr. Tarig Ali Bakhit (Sudan) as Vice-Chairmen and Mr. Carlos D. Sorreta (Philippines) as Rapporteur.

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Myanmar, the United Arab Emirates, Norway, Egypt, Oman, Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan, Croatia and Brazil.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United Arab Emirates.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 11th meeting

Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [105]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Bangladesh, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, Botswana, Mexico, Norway, Brazil, China, Turkey, Mozambique and Egypt, and by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were made by the representatives of the World Bank, the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization.

The representative of the United Nations Children's Fund also made a statement.

12th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 105 and heard statements by the representatives of Romania, Ethiopia, Uganda, Yemen, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Kenya, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Nepal, Tunisia, Japan and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the item.

Deadline

The Committee agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-items 97 (d) and (e) to Friday, 15 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 8th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, South Africa, Croatia, the Netherlands, Egypt, Indonesia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Guatemala, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ecuador, Venezuela and Peru.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

9th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda items and 109 and 110 and heard statements by the representatives of Thailand, the Sudan, Colombia, Yemen, China, Ukraine, Mongolia and Ghana.

The representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies also made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Bank.

Organization of work

It was announced that action on draft proposal A/C.3/54/L.2, as orally amended by the representative of Portugal, would be taken on Thursday, 14 October, in the afternoon.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-second session [156]

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Italy, the United States, India, Thailand, Colombia, Venezuela, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Mongolia, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, New Zealand, Nigeria, Ecuador and Belarus, as well as by the observer of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion on the agenda item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Accession: Uzbekistan (9 September 1999)*

Convention on the Political Rights of Women. New York, 31 March 1953

Accession: Turkmenistan (11 October 1999)*

Convention relating to the distribution of programme-carrying signals transmitted by satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974

Accession: Jamaica (12 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Albania (8 October 1999)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Albania (8 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty 1999 and to mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will hold a commemoration on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations garden. There will be a performance by children of the Tapori Movement and traditional Bolivian music will be performed by Sumaj Chasquis. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 October 1999

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10 a.m. 34th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Ghana
Sierra Leone
Holy See
Peru
Togo
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Venezuela
San Marino
Mongolia
Fiji

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Turkey
Cuba
Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM)
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Bolivia

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109] (A/54/3*, A/54/38/Rev.1 (Suppl.), A/54/98, A/54/123-E/1999/66, A/54/124, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1, A/54/224, A/54/225, A/54/341, A/54/342, A/54/352, A/54/405)

2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110] (A/54/124, A/54/264, A/54/354)

   Conclusion of general discussion

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

   Action on daft resolution A/C.3/54/L.2

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Conclusion of informal consultations on agenda items 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: (a) United Nations peacekeeping operations: (A/53/5 (Vol. II), A/53/932 and A/53/940)), 129 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: Report of the Secretary-General on the findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM (A/52/881 and A/53/1018)) and 130 (Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/53/1023 and A/54/418))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	6th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159] (A/54/33, A/54/363, A/54/383)

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10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Organizational matters

SECURITY COUNCIL

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1160 (1998)

3.30 p.m.	10th meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

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GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on poverty eradication and science and technology)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2
1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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WORKING GROUP ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

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ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

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SECOND COMMITTEE

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3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 7

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Briefing

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

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Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Seminar

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Symposium

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Workshop

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 13 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 5th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Uzbekistan, Nigeria, the Russian Federation, China, Argentina, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Colombia, Kuwait and Uruguay.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [89]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Yemen, Cuba, Israel, Qatar, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Tunisia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the observer for Palestine, as well as by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Egypt, Lebanon and Israel.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 10th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Israel, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Bahrain, Malaysia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Cyprus, Costa Rica, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Belarus, Australia, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Fiji, Uganda, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and Iraq.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

11th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Brunei Darussalam, Mongolia, Nepal, Romania, Saint Lucia (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Russian Federation, Tunisia, the Solomon Islands, Argentina, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, the Republic of Korea, Kenya, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Equatorial Guinea and India.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Children's Fund.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

The Chairperson of the Special Committee, Ms. Marja Lehto (Finland), introduced the report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, the Republic of Korea, Colombia, Malaysia, the Russian Federation, Guatemala and Egypt.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 18 December 1979

Accession: Niger (8 October 1999)*

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Signature: Zimbabwe (13 October 1999)

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 14 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty 1999 and to mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will hold a commemoration on Friday, 15 October 1999, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations garden. There will be a performance by children of the Tapori Movement and traditional Bolivian music will be performed by Sumaj Chasquis. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 15 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan (S/1999/1054)*

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1415th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Australia
Singapore
Belarus
India
Viet Nam
Kenya
Kazakhstan
Senegal
Cameroon
Uganda
Republic of Korea

(continued overleaf)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Zambia
Mali
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Yemen
Ukraine
Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM)
Qatar
Myanmar (on behalf of ASEAN)
Guatemala
Madagascar

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 2

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

Operational activities for development [101]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

(A/54/39, A/54/225, A/54/273, A/54/425, A/54/175, A/54/292-S/1999/917, A/53/788 and Add.1)

Introduction, general discussion and conclusion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3*, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

2. International drug control [108] (A/54/3*, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.9, L.10 and L.12

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3*, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

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Continuation of general discussion

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

3 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/54/1/Add.1)

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations:

(ii) Peacekeeping missions

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.9

3. Joint Inspection Unit [123]

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.5

4. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [129]

Findings of the Office of Internal Oversight on the procurement process in UNAVEM

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.10

5. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Reformed procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.6

6. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [119]

Development Account

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.7

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	7th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 7

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Draft report

2. Executive session on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Briefing

The Vice-Chairmen of the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, Mr. Zvetolyub Basmajiev (Bulgaria) and Mr. Chaoi Seok-young (Republic of Korea), will hold a briefing on the outcome of the second meeting of the Bureau of the Commission (Bogota, Colombia, 4 October 1999) *today*, 15 October 1999, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 15 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on oceans and seas)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on the outcome of the fourth World Conference on Women and on racial discrimination)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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There will be a meeting of liked-minded countries, convened by the delegation of Myanmar to the First Committee, to consider a draft resolution on nuclear disarmament, *today*, 15 October 1999, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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The Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will convene a meeting with representatives of the twenty-six Member States which have not yet ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The meeting will take place *today*, 15 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of interested delegations, organized by the delegation of India, *today*, 15 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room E, to discuss First Committee draft resolutions on agenda items 72 (The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament), 77 (d) (Convention on the Prohibition of Use of Nuclear Weapons) and 76 (g) (Reducing nuclear danger).

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

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Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 18 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C (to be confirmed).

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The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

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The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold a memorial service for the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius K. Nyerere, on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on a Third Committee draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on Monday, 18 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Special meeting

In accordance with the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1999/54, the Under-Secretary -General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will meet with donors and interested States on the revitalization of the Institute and its immediate and long-term funding. The meeting will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. A note on a new method of work and structure of the Institute can be obtained from the Secretariat in room DC2-1230.

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Seminar

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

34th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary General made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and of the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that the Gambia had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali and Tunisia were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	98
Slovakia	72

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	113
Slovakia	57

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	158
Slovakia	3

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Ukraine was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The following five States were thus elected members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 2000: Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 6th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ghana, Sierra Leone, the Holy See, Togo, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Venezuela, San Marino, Mongolia and Fiji.

7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Turkey, Cuba, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Bolivia, Morocco and Peru.

THIRD COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Advancement of women [109]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [110]

The Committee continued its consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Viet Nam, Ethiopia, Jamaica, Malaysia, Nicaragua, Qatar, Benin, Maldives, the United Arab Emirates, Armenia, Côte d'Ivoire, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Haiti, Madagascar, Cameroon, Eritrea, El Salvador, Jordan, Burundi and the Philippines.

The observer for Palestine also made a statement.

The Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of 110, and, as agreed, item 109 would remain open in order to discuss, solely, the report of the Secretary-General regarding the revitalization of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, once it has been issued.

Social development, including questions relating to the world situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.2

It was recalled that, by its resolution 1999/18, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.2.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the oral amendment that had been made to the draft resolution.

The representative of Senegal further orally amended the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Portugal and India.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally amended without a vote, after which statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Turkey and South Africa.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Algeria, China, Croatia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Ghana, Canada, Hungary, Cuba, Zambia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus and Jordan.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995. Geneva, 17 February 1995

Termination of the Agreement with effect from 13 October 1999

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Sri Lanka (13 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

On the occasion of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty 1999 and to mark the tenth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, together with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, will hold a commemoration *today*, 15 October 1999, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations garden. There will be a performance by children of the Tapori Movement and traditional Bolivian music will be performed by Sumaj Chasquis. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

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Photography exhibit

The inauguration of a photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", will take place on Monday, 18 October 1999, at 6 p.m. at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. The exhibit, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will remain until Friday, 5 November. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrel, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

Tickets for the staff of the United Nations Secretariat will be available through the United Nations Staff Committee.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 18 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Afghanistan (S/1999/994)

Briefing by Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate (*continued*):

Ethiopia
Armenia
Tunisia
Australia (President of the Conference on Disarmament)
Moldova
Kyrgyzstan
Dominican Republic
Nicaragua
Zimbabwe
Sri Lanka (Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean)
United Republic of Tanzania

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [90] (A/54/87, A/54/63-S/1999/171, A/C.4/54/L.2*)

General debate

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9

2. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107] (A/54/3, A/54/69-E/1999/8 and Add.1, A/54/289, A/54/340, A/C.3/54/2, A/C.3/54/L.3, L.4, L.5 and L.6)

3. International drug control [108] (A/54/3, A/54/186, A/54/293-E/1999/119, A/54/314-S/1999/942 and A/C.3/54/L.7)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda 118 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement reform (A/52/887, A/52/1010, A/C.5/52/46, A/53/271 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/53/692))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	8th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences [124] (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only) and A/54/7)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [125] (A/54/11)

Introduction and general discussion

6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 119 (Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: Development Account: Modalities for operating the Account (A/53/945, A/53/7/Add.12 and A/C.5/54/L.7))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159] (A/54/33, A/54/383, A/54/363)

2. United Nations Decade of International Law [154] (A/54/362, A/54/98, A/54/381)

3 p.m.	9th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

United Nations Decade of International Law [154] (A/54/362, A/54/98, A/54/381)

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations International Drug Control Programme

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World Food Day 1999

An observance of the World Food Day 1999, under the theme "Youth Against Hunger", will take place on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately following the adjournment of the morning meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, the Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. Professor M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, will be the keynote speaker. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and accredited correspondents are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 18 October 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(on Sixth Committee matters)

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on "renewal of the dialogue" and economic and technical cooperation among developing countries)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution racism and racial discrimination)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on a Third Committee draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on Monday, 18 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty), organized by the delegation of Mexico, on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Special meeting

In accordance with the request of the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1999/54, the Under-Secretary -General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) will meet with donors and interested States on the revitalization of the Institute and its immediate and long-term funding. The meeting will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. A note on a new method of work and structure of the Institute can be obtained from the Secretariat in room DC2-1230.

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Seminar

A seminar on "The Development and Reform of Pension Systems", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the International Labour Office, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. The seminar, held within the framework of preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, will be conducted by Mr. Colin Gillion, Director of the Department of Social Security of ILO. Members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Steven Miller (tel.: (212) 963-7535).

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Symposium

A symposium on "Nuclear Doctrines", organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, will be held on Monday, 18 October 1999, from 1 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 19 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 3

* Following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	10th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The World Health Organization (WHO), in collaboration with the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will hold a briefing on the theme "Health in Poverty Eradication: Implications for Copenhagen Plus Five", on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The briefing will be given by Dr. John Martin of the Department of Health in Sustainable Development, WHO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room B, to discuss the draft resolution on agenda item 18, which will be taken up in the plenary of the General Assembly.

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The thirty-fourth session of the Advisory Committee on the United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law will be held on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced at a later date.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 25 October, to Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C (to be confirmed).

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Mr. Just Faaland, Chairman of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions on the report of the Committee (E/1999/33) and brief delegations on the future work programme of the Committee on Friday, 22 October 1999, from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on a draft text of a political declaration for the special session of the General Assembly on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. An advance copy of the draft text is available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216).

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(briefing by the Director of INSTRAW)* on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Informal consultations on draft resolutions related to agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas") will be held on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Delegations interested in obtaining reporting material on agenda item 40 (Oceans and the law of the sea) are invited to visit the Web site of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea at the following address: http://www.un.org/Depts/los

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on the United Nations Development Fund for Women on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be an open-ended meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations in the First Committee draft resolution on agenda item 76 (m) (Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas), organized by the delegation of Brazil, on Tuesday, 19 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors of the draft resolution on agenda item 64 (b) (Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures), organized by the delegations of Germany and Romania, on Wednesday, 20 October 1999, at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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Workshop

The UNITAR/UTA/WTO Workshop on International Trade Negotiations will take place from 20 to 22 October 1999 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in New York. The nomination form was already sent out to all the permanent missions, with the information note. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, H.E. Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Tuesday, 26 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 14 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

34th plenary meeting*

Tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo

The President made a statement.

The Deputy Secretary General made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Julius Nyerere, and of the staff members of the United Nations killed in Burundi and Kosovo.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that the Gambia had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council [15 (a)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali and Tunisia were elected members of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	98
Slovakia	72

As none of these countries had obtained the required majority, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The results of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	113
Slovakia	57

The representative of Slovakia made a statement.

As the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) was inconclusive, the Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The results of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) as follows:

	Votes
Ukraine	158
Slovakia	3

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Ukraine was elected a member of the Security Council for a two-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The following five States were thus elected members of the Security Council for a two year term beginning on 1 January 2000: Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mali, Tunisia and Ukraine.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 15.

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

Friday, 15 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4051st meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Afghanistan and the Islamic Republic of Iran, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1054, which had been submitted by Canada, the Netherlands, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement by the representative of Afghanistan.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/1999/1054) before it.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Unites States, Malaysia and Bahrain.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1054) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1267 (1999).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China and Canada.

4052nd meeting

The situation in Angola

Letter dated 11 August 1999 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1999/871)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1061, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1061).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1061) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1268 (1999).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 8th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Australia, Singapore, Belarus, India, Viet Nam, Senegal, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Uganda and the Republic of Korea.

9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Zambia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Yemen, Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), Qatar, Myanmar (on behalf of ASEAN), Guatemala, Madagascar and Cameroon.

SECOND COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Operational activities for development [101]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Director of the Special Unit for Technical Cooperation Among Developing Countries and the Director of Africa I Division of the Department of Political Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Norway, Benin, Mozambique, Ecuador, Myanmar, India, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of CARICOM), Pakistan, the Czech Republic (also on behalf of Bulgaria), Yemen and Lesotho.

14th meeting

Operational activities for development [101]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ethiopia, Cuba, South Africa, Guatemala, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Jamaica, Kenya, Belarus, Senegal, Botswana, Venezuela, Namibia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Colombia, Japan, Madagascar, Haiti, Iraq, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania and Nigeria.

A statement was made by the representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 101.

THIRD COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee began its joint consideration of the items.

The Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, made an introductory statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Executive Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Colombia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Mexico, Rwanda, China and Egypt took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Singapore, Sri Lanka, Colombia, Chile and Japan.

14th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.10

The representative of Mongolia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Brazil, Chile, Guyana, Israel, Malaysia, Malta, Namibia, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Senegal, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.12

The representative of Benin, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia, Malaysia, Panama, the Philippines, Senegal and Thailand, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

International drug control [108]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Commonwealth of Independent States), Austria, Algeria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Senegal, Israel, India, Cuba, Peru and Jordan.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Note: The summary of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/200).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

The Secretary of the Committee spoke.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Viet Nam, Malawi, Swaziland, Pakistan, Tunisia, Madagascar, Uganda, Iraq, Brazil, Sierra Leone, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ukraine, Chile, Bulgaria, Yemen, Israel, Turkey, Costa Rica, Haiti, United States and Australia.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 22 March 1989

Accession: Armenia (1 October 1999)*

Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer. Vienna, 22 March 1985

Accession: Armenia (1 October 1999)*

Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Montreal, 16 September 1987

Accession: Armenia (1 October 1999)*

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Uzbekistan (12 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Photography exhibit

The inauguration of a photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", will take place on Monday, 18 October 1999, at 6 p.m. at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building. The exhibit, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will remain until Friday, 5 November. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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United Nations Day

On the occasion of the celebration of United Nations Day, a concert will take place on Friday, 22 October 1999, at 7 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. The concert will be a tribute to "Duke" Ellington on the 100th anniversary of his birth and a celebration of his service as Music Ambassador to the world. The Secretary-General of the United Nations will host the event.

The Concert will feature the Duke Ellington Orchestra with George Duke as Musical Director, and the Billy Taylor Trio. The evening will also feature such famous performers as Nancy Wilson, Eartha Kitt, Gregory Hines, Bobby Short, Lena Horne, Jerry Butler, the Esther Marrow Gospel Singers, Dianne Reeves, Grady Tate, Kenny Burrel, Take 6, The Dells, Marcus Printup, Ernie Andrews, Jon Hendricks, and others.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Burundi
H.E. Mr. Gamaliel Ndaruzaniye

Asian States:
Uzbekistan
H.E. Mr. Alisher Vohidov

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
Mr. Vladimir Sotirov
Chargé d'affaires

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Peru
H.E. Mr. Francisco Tudela

Western European and other States:
Italy
H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci

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